

West Marin
Community Advisory Committee Recommendations
Draft Transportation Sales Tax Expenditure Plan

School Access Element

General Comments and Recommendations:

- Addressing transportation to small, private schools is a priority. It is hard to implement programs for them, but they generate a lot of trips.

Recommendations for Criteria Evaluating Projects and Programs:

- Project's ability to manage or reduce congestion should be a priority.
- School shuttle programs that coordinate service with school schedules (bell times) should be a priority.

Recommendations for Illustrative Examples of Projects of Local Significance:

- Bike and pedestrian paths that link schools to communities (e.g., the Olema-Bolinas Road bike path between Bolinas School and Mesa Road) are a priority.
- After-school bus service programs are a priority.

Recommended Funding Allocation: **10%**

Local Streets and Roads Element

General Comments and Recommendations:

- It must be clear as to how unincorporated roads are prioritized and selected for improvement. Local committees could provide advisory recommendations and some oversight in the process.
- It must be clear that Local Streets and Roads expenditures are not intended to benefit traffic and transit from Sonoma County to/through Marin.
- The top priority for use of Local Streets and Roads funds should be given to projects that can be implemented with minimal expenditure for design and preparatory work and maximum expenditure on actual construction.

Recommendations for Criteria Evaluating Projects and Programs:

- Eligible projects should be evaluated against the following criteria:
 - Projects that are called for by local community plans should be a priority.
 - Streets and roads with drainage and erosion problems should be a priority.

Recommendations for Illustrative Examples of Projects of Local Significance:

- Improve the roadway network. Priorities include:
 - Sir Francis Drake Boulevard through the park system
 - Traffic control in Stinson Beach
 - Improving emergency vehicle access in coastal villages (e.g., resolving congestion in the Bolinas commercial area caused by delivery trucks or heavy recreational traffic)
 - Improving drainage and stabilizing erosion problems on county-maintained roads (e.g., roads on the Bolinas Mesa)
 - Providing safe bike lanes on Point Reyes-Petaluma Road from Point Reyes Station to “Graffiti Bridge”
 - Providing safe bike lanes on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard from White House Pool through Inverness
 - Maintenance of bikeways
 - Providing improvements called for by local community plans (e.g., traffic signs, street, and drainage improvements called for in the *Point Reyes Station Community Plan*)

Recommended Funding Allocation: **25%**

Local Transit Element

General Comments and Recommendations:

- Support for the West Marin Stagecoach local transit service is strong. All efforts should be made to make this demonstration project permanent, especially to bridge the gap between the end of the demonstration and the beginning of any sales tax revenues. Interim gap funding sources should be evaluated, including grants, partnerships with schools, and increased fares.
- Hybrid, energy-efficient, clean vehicles should be used.

Recommendations for Criteria Evaluating Projects and Programs:

- Any expanded service should be coordinated with existing service, so that timed transfers are easy.
- Projects that manage or reduce congestion should be a priority.
- Projects that enhance the mobility of school-aged children should be a priority.

Recommendations for Illustrative Examples of Projects of Local Significance:

- Maintain and expand the West Marin Stagecoach service. Expanded service priorities include:
 - Increasing frequencies and providing more regular intervals (e.g., 8 round trips/day)

- Adding weekend service (recreational trips)
- Adding a North-South route (e.g., Inverness to Stinson Beach and/or Tomales to Stinson Beach)
- Extending existing service to the San Rafael Transit Center
- Adding a route to Tomales High School for after school hours
- Adding a route to Petaluma

Recommended Funding Allocation: **50%**

Local Return Element

General Comments and Recommendations:

- Local Return funds should focus on West Marin Stagecoach and public bicycle and pedestrian pathway system priorities.
- There is a local marketing issue that concerns what user group(s) a path is designed for and what the minimum design requirements are.

Recommendations for Criteria Evaluating Projects and Programs:

- Path design standards should be flexible to protect environmental resources and be consistent with Marin County Open Space District guidelines.
- Eligible projects should be evaluated against the ability to leverage outside funds.

Recommendations for Illustrative Examples of Projects of Local Significance:

- Improve the public bicycle and pedestrian pathway system. Priorities include:
 - The East-West Bikeway, which includes providing safe bike lanes on Point Reyes-Petaluma Road from Point Reyes Station to “Graffiti Bridge”
 - Connecting Inverness to Point Reyes Station
 - Providing safe bike lanes on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard from White House Pool through Inverness
 - Connectivity to the park system
 - Maintenance of bikeways
 - Street sweeping for other road users (e.g., bicyclists)

Recommended Funding Allocation: **15%**

Additional Comments and Recommendations for Other Aspects of the Draft Plan:

- Consideration should be given to use some sales tax revenues toward the support of local communities in studying and planning around local transportation problems (e.g., resolving congestion in the Bolinas commercial area caused by delivery trucks or heavy recreational traffic or improving access and drainage in Point Reyes Station).